

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 634

By Matheny

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Leslie Sims for her service as an Interact District Secretary.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those individuals whose tireless efforts on behalf of Tennessee's youth have served to inspire those around them; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Sims is one such individual whose sterling service as the 2006-2007 Interact District Secretary for Rotary District 6780 is worthy of commendation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sims is involved with the Huntland High School Interact Club, and her years of service are marked by a history of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Interact, the Rotary-sponsored service club for fourteen- to eighteen-year-olds, charges its members with participating in service projects, developing leadership skills and personal integrity, demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others, understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work, and advancing international understanding and goodwill; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Sims has provided leadership for the Interact District Officers who are responsible for planning and implementing all district activities for the approximately fifty Interact Clubs and their more than one thousand members throughout Rotary District 6780, which has boundaries encompassing fifty-two counties in Middle and East Tennessee, sixty-four Rotary Clubs, and nearly 3,600 Rotarians; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sims dedicated her talents to two major service projects: the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation, for which she encouraged Interact members to become members of the League of Extraordinary Teens, and hurricane relief efforts in Louisiana and Alabama, which undertook rebuilding projects in Slidell, Louisiana, and raised financial support for hurricane victims; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Sims was also involved in three major Interact district activities over the past year: the Trail Stomp, in which members hiked the Piney River Trail to ensure the trail was properly marked; the District Conference, which hosted 550 Interact members, sponsors, and affiliates who showcased their club activities and competed for scholarships, club awards, and individual recognition for service activities; and the Interact Leadership Seminar, at which leadership training was offered by District Officers for the benefit of other Interactors; and

WHEREAS, during her time as Interact District Secretary, Ms. Sims has truly exemplified the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self," and it is appropriate that she be properly recognized for her dedication and service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor Leslie Sims, 2006-2007 Interact District Secretary, for her unwavering commitment to the values of Interact, her service to the Interact organization, and her leadership over the past year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we offer our best wishes for her every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.